Assistance to West Bengal for Hooghly Bridge

1258. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistance given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September, 1986, includes the financial assistance to West Bengal Government for the completion of the second Hooghly Bridge; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India will give Rs. 80.00 crores, in addition to Rs. 150.00 crores already committed for the Second Hooghly Bridge, if the State Government is willing to provide Rs. 20.00 crores, completion is ensured within approved time schedule and joint monitoring is done by a Group set up by the Government of India and the State Government. The State Government have recently agreed to provide Rs. 20.00 crores.

गोल मार्किट से दक्षिण दिल्ली के लिये दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की बसें

1259. **श्री जगदंबी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गोल मार्किट से दक्षिण दिल्ली के लिये दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की सीधी बस सेवाओं का अभाव है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस क्षेत्र को (बिरला मन्दिर क्षेत्र सहित) दक्षिण दिल्ली से जोड़ने के लिए कब तक सीधी बस सेवा उपलब्ध कराये जाने की संभावना है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। गोल मार्केट से दक्षिण दिल्ली क्षेत्र के लिए पर्याप्त सीधी बस सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त सभी गन्तव्यों पर पहुंचने के लिए यात्री बस बदलने की सुविधाओं का उपयोग कर सकते हैं।

Digital Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

1260. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places of Madhya Pradesh where digital electronic telephone exchanges have been set up or are likely to be set up in the near future;

(b) whether it is a fact that in view of its vast area and population, the number of such exchanges is much less than other States; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to increase the number of exchanges to remove the imbalance in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Names of places where Digital Electronic Telephone Exchanges are planned to be set up in Madhya Pradesh are: Bhopal, Jabalpur, Indore, Raipur, Betul, Datia, Dhar, Khargone, Mandla, Shajapur, Tikamgarh, Ambikapur, Balaghat, Bhind, Guna, Shivpuri, Jhabua, Rewa, Sidhi, Pethampur (Dhar), Chindwara, Jagdalpur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

इलाहाबाद से हुगली के बीच जल परिवहन सेवाएं

1261. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या **भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद से हुगली तक जल परिवहन की नियमित सेवा कब चालू हुई थी ;